

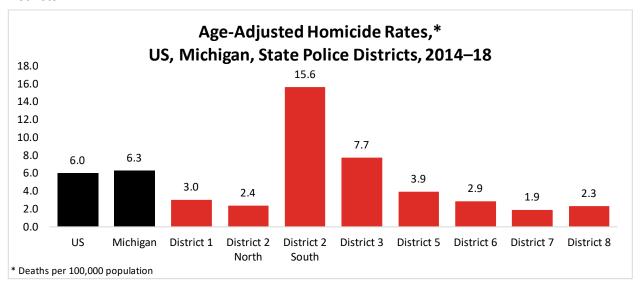


Homicide Deaths in State Police District 6, 2014–18

Clare, Ionia, Isabella, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, and Ottawa counties

The Michigan Violent Death Reporting System (MiVDRS)¹ collects and links data from multiple data sources to help stakeholders develop prevention strategies to reduce deaths due to interpersonal violence. From 2014–2018, there were almost 3,000 homicide victims in Michigan. **Two-hundred twelve of those victims were injured in State Police District 6's jurisdiction.** Homicide rates vary by race, ranging from 15.2 per 100,000 for Blacks, to 1.7 per 100,000 for Whites. Numbers were too small to calculate accurate rates for other races. Young adults 20–29 years of age were most likely to die by homicide, at a rate of 6.2 per 100,000.

From 2014–18, State Police District 6 had the fifth highest homicide rate among the eight State Police Districts.

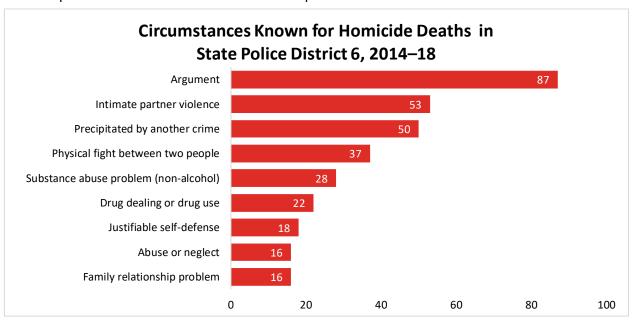


Firearms were used in 61.3 percent of homicides. Statewide, firearms were used in 74.9 percent of homicides.

Weapon Used in State Police District 6 Homicides, 2014–18

	Male		Female	
Weapon	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Firearm	104	67.5%	26	44.8%
Sharp instrument	23	14.9%	13	22.4%
Personal weapons	11	7.1%	5	8.6%
Hanging, strangulation, suffocation	6	3.9%	6	10.3%
Other/unknown	10	6.5%	8	13.8%
Total	154	100.0%	58	100.0%

At least one circumstance was known for 93.4 percent of homicide deaths that took place in District 6. Where a circumstance was known, an argument was involved in 43.9 percent of homicides, and intimate partner violence was involved in 26.8 percent.



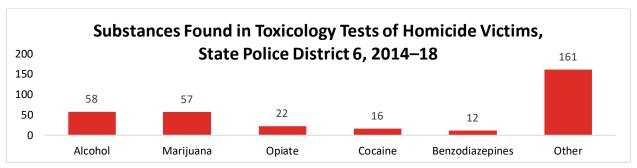
There may be more than one known circumstance for each death, or no known circumstance.

83.0 percent of homicide deaths were the result of a single homicide incident, compared to 89.9 percent statewide.

State Police District 6 South Homicide Type, 2014–18

Incident Type	Number	Percent
Single homicide	166	83.0%
Multiple homicide	7	3.5%
Homicide(s) followed by suicide	16	8.0%
Legal intervention	11	5.5%
Total	200	100.0%

As in the rest of the state, alcohol and marijuana were the most common substances found in homicide victims.



It is unknown how many homicide victims were tested for each substance. Victims may test positive for more than one substance.

i. MIVDRS Website: MDHHS - MIVDRS (michigan.gov). For more data details contact SmithP40@michigan.gov.

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